

Parish of Onaping Falls and Cartier

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

November 26, 2025 (5:00 pm)

Minutes

Opening Prayer

Led by Fr. Joseph.

Word of Welcome

Offered by Fr. Joseph.

Attendance

Fr. Joseph
Elise Charron
Childa MacDonald
Pierrette Ladouceur
Sandy Young
Michael Whitton
Diane Laurin
Terry Rapsky
Norma Whitton
Michelle Dawson
Sharon Campbell
Diane Hykin
Rose Primeau
Ben Demore
Steve Guinard

Reading of Minutes

The minutes from the October 23, 2024 meeting were read by Pierrette Ladouceur.

Motion to Accept Minutes

Moved by: Mike Whitton

Seconded by: Michelle Dawson

Motion Carried

Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

A. Finance

- A total of \$78,000 has been raised for renovations across the three parishes.
- Between \$12,000 and \$13,000 remains to be raised to pay off completed work.
- The bulletin will announce the remaining amount needed to clear this debt.

B. Renovations Still to Be Completed (Levack Roof)

- Strategic Roofing has not yet returned to complete the rivet replacement on the roof.
- They are currently not responding to calls.
- Other roofing companies will be contacted.

New Business

A. Financial Report

- The current account balance is \$30,550.

B. Reports from the Three Churches

Levack

- The two furnaces have been serviced and are functioning well.
- No replacement parts are available for the furnace heating the basement.
- The office door will be replaced in March by Polar Windows and Doors. A \$950 deposit has been paid.

Cartier

- Sandy Young reports no issues since the removal of the cross from the steeple.

Dowling

- Ongoing water problems persist under the cement floor.
- The basement will be emptied, and items stored in the loft.
- Sacred linens for the chalice need replacement.
- Elise will look into ordering a dozen.
- Alternatively, Linda MacDonald may be approached to sew new linens.

C. Christmas Celebrations

- The Christmas schedule has been posted in the bulletin.
- The collection for Christmas flowers is going well.
- The CWL Christmas Supper will be held on December 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluebird Restaurant.

Other Business

- Discussions were held regarding the future of the parishes and whether the three churches remain financially viable.
- The Finance Committee noted that finances are very tight but manageable at this time.
- Suggestions were made to increase visibility through social media and explore additional funding opportunities.
- Diane continues to request assistance in Dowling due to limited volunteer involvement.

Concerns Raised

- Need for clearer communication from Fr. Joseph.
- Announcements should be made by readers.
- Need for future fundraising events.
- Encouragement for parishioners to be more proactive.
- Recognition that many volunteers are tired and in need of help or replacement.

Closing Remarks

Fr. Joseph expressed appreciation for the fruitful discussions and the continued hard work being done. He emphasized the need to explore new ways of raising funds.

The next meeting will be held around Lent.

Closing Prayer

Led by Childa MacDonald.

Motion to Adjourn

Proposed by: Childa MacDonald

Seconded by: Mike Whitton

Motion Carried